

WI-621  
James Causey Farm  
Salisbury vicinity  
Private

c. 1840, c. 1875

The James Causey farm is the historic name for this Snow Hill Road property located southeast of Salisbury in Nutter's Election District. Built in several stages, the late nineteenth-century two-and-a-half story, three-bay, cross-gabled main block has an older single story service wing dating around 1840. A portion of the service wing was detached and relocated in the yard as a separate outbuilding. While the main farmhouse has been remodeled, the interior of the detached kitchen wing features an exposed joist ceiling and an enclosed staircase behind vertical beaded boards. Also defining the farm complex is a single-story frame barn and adjacent corn crib as well as an early twentieth-century garage and privy.

This Snow Hill Road property, identified as including parts of tracts known as Security and Messick's Conclusion in the land and probate records, has remained in the same family over the course of two centuries. During the second quarter of the nineteenth century the property was part of the land holdings of Patrick Causey, a farmer as well as a coroner according to the Worcester County land records. He was issued his last commission as coroner in 1841. After his death in 1845, the farm passed to his son James Causey (1808-1877). The extant nineteenth-century structures largely date from his ownership, or his grandson George W. Causey's period of occupancy between 1877 and 1934. In the third item of his 1874 will, James Causey directed that

*I give and bequeath unto my grandson George Washington Causey all the Land on the East end of my farm and House and Improvements thereon lately built and containing from sixty to seventy acres of Land more or less, part of Messick's Conclusion and a part of Security up to the crop fence mentioned in the Item, the Second, and I give to my grandson George Washington Causey one half of my personal estate to have and to hold forever at the death of my wife Harriet W. Causey...*

In 1934, the farm passed from George Washington Causey to his son George Maurice Causey, in whose control the property remained until the mid 1970s. The farm remains in family hands.

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historic	James Causey Farm
other	Messicks' Conclusion and Security

street and number	Snow Hill Road	not for publication
city, town	Salisbury	vicinity
county	Wicomico	

name	Barbara Lee Evans				
street and number	4601 Snow Hill Road			telephone	
city, town	Salisbury	state	Maryland	zip code	21804

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.		Wicomico County Clerk of Court	liber	958	folio	797
city, town	Salisbury	tax map	59	tax parcel	26	tax ID number 8-011605

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Current Function</b>	<b>Resource Count</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Contributing _____ Noncontributing _____
			<u>5</u> _____ buildings sites
			_____ structures
			_____ objects:
			<u>5</u> _____ Total
			<b>Number of Contributing Resource previously listed in the Inventory</b>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The James Causey farm is the historic name associated with this property on the south side of Snow Hill Road, southeast of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-half story, three-bay, single-pile frame farmhouse faces northeast with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. The house is joined on the property by several outbuildings, which include a detached section of the rear service wing, a small barn, garage, corn crib, and privy.

Built in two distinct stages, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame main block was built around 1890, and the story-and-a-half rear service wing dates around 1840 as does the section of the service wing that was separated and turned into an outbuilding. The main block is supported on a low, infilled brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The first and second floors are lighted by two-and-two sash windows. Centered on the roof is a cross gable that is pierced by a single-pane sash window.

The side elevations are defined by two-over-two sash windows to each side of an interior end brick stack. The attic is lighted by two-pane gable end windows. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns and the base.

The story-and-a-half rear wing has been reworked, and a large gable roofed dormer has been attached to the north slope. A rebuilt stack rises through the gable end. The kitchen was enlarged with a shed roofed addition to the south side.

The single-story, one-room plan section of the kitchen wing is covered with plain weatherboards and is trimmed with a boxed cornice. The single-room section is lighted by two-over-two sash windows. The interior is distinguished by exposed floor joists and an enclosed winder stair. A board and batten door open into the stair closet, which is partitioned with vertical beaded boards. The interior of the staircase was formerly plastered, but the plaster has been removed. The detached kitchen is extended to the north by a single-story hyphen that joins a small gable roofed wing.

West of the former kitchen wing is a single-story board-and-batten frame barn which rests on brick piers and is covered by a tin roof. The gable front structure is extended with shed additions. Standing behind the barn is a shed roofed, board-and-batten privy.

West of the barn is a single-story frame corn crib extended with shed additions. South of the barn is a single-story single bay frame garage.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In 1934, the farm passed from George Washington Causey to his son George Maurice Causey, in whose control the property remained until the mid 1970s. The farm remains in family hands.

<sup>1</sup> Worcester County Land Record, GMH 4/169, 11 March 1841.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Will Book, WB 177, written 24 May 1874, proved 19 April 1877.

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James Causey Farm  
Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 59, Parcel 26

958/797

Mae P. Richardson

to

5/19/1981

Barbara Lee Evans  
68 acres

JWTS 794/130

Mae P. Richardson  
Personal Representative of the Estate of  
George Maurice Causey

to

6/15/1973

Mae P. Richardson  
68 acres

JWTS 447/355

Carroll E. Bounds  
Irene S. Bounds

to

4/24/1958

George Maurice Causey  
Gladys E. Causey

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447/353

George Maurice Causey  
Gladys E. Causey

to

4/24/1958

Carroll E. Bounds

Will Book  
MNN 1533

Last Will and Testament of George W. Causey

to

Written  
5/24/1934  
Proved  
7/3/1934

George Maurice Causey  
First Item to daughter Bertha May Causey Toadvine, \$1200  
Second Item, all the rest and residue of all property of every  
kind and description, including real estate

Will Book  
WB 177

Last Will and Testament of James C. Causey

Written  
1/8/1874  
Proved  
4/19/1877

Item One

to wife Harriet W. Causey....all of my property both personal and  
real during her lifetime or widdowhood and she shall no have any  
wright (sic) to sell or convey said real estate to any one.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Elisha C. Parsons one  
half of my person estate at the death of my wife and my home farm  
residence where I now live a part of Security and Golden Quarter  
containing from sixty to eighty acres more or less all on the west end  
of my farm up to the crop fence near Levin Causey's Store house on the

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opposite (sic) side of the road called the county road to Snow Hill to have and to hold forever

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>

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TFJR 1/358

George W. Mezick

to

4/3/1869

James Causey  
\$175 17 acres Mezick Conclusion ....adjoining the land of  
James Causey

Worcester County  
Will Book

Last Will and Testament of Patrick Causey

to, son

Written  
12/15/1842  
Proved  
12/16/1845

James Causey

Part of a tract of land called Golden Quarter like wise part of a tract security being in Worcester county lying on the south side of the county road leading from Salisbury to Snow Hill containing one hundred and seventy six acres

GMH 4/169

Patrick Causey

3/11/1841

Recorded commission as coroner



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Graham, John L. ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Personal Conversation with Barbara Lee Evans, 3 October 2001.

Seventh Census of the United States, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden.

Worcester and Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Worcester and Wicomico County Courthouses.

Wicomico County Probate Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 68 acres

Acreage of historical setting 68 acres

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/3/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

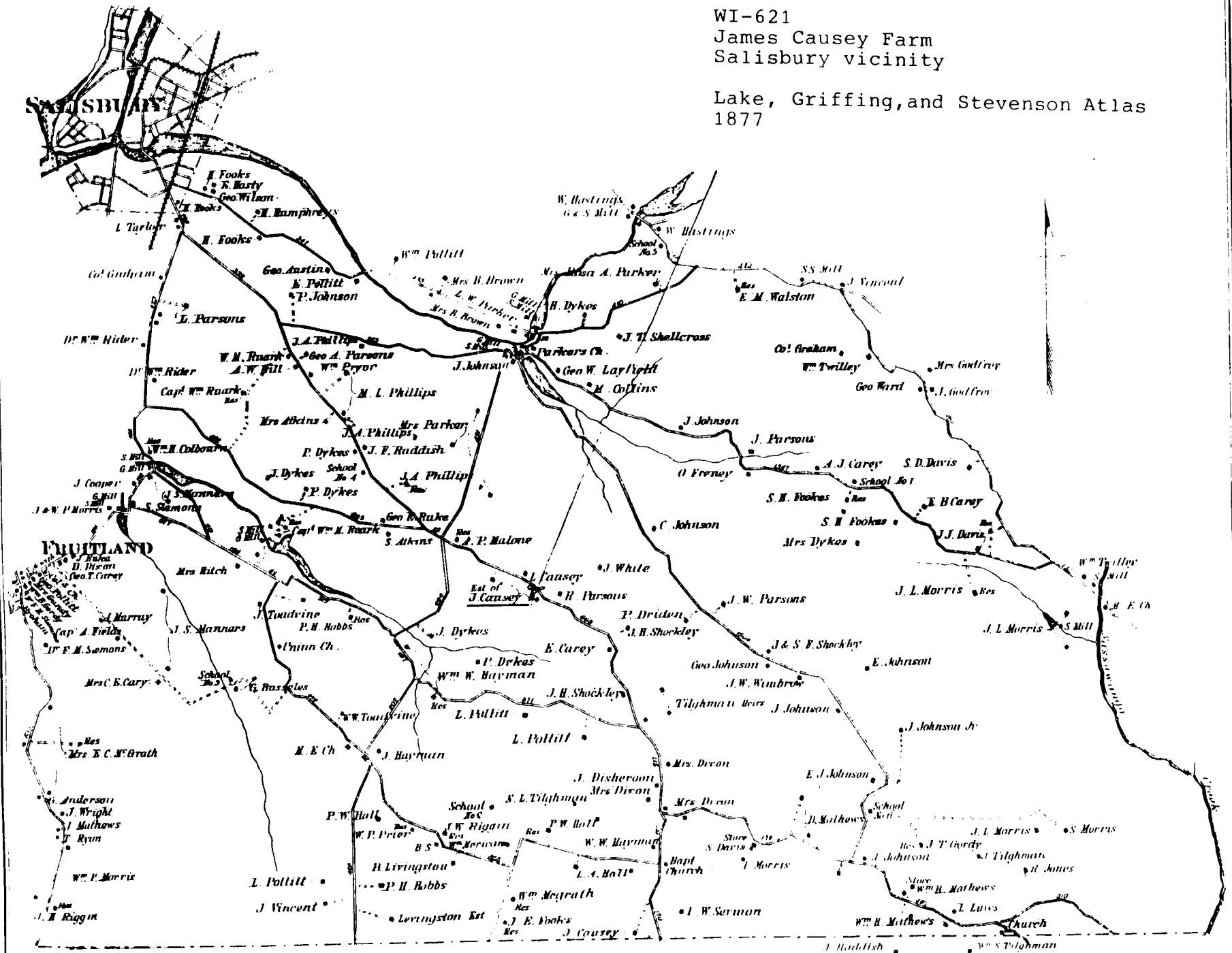
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

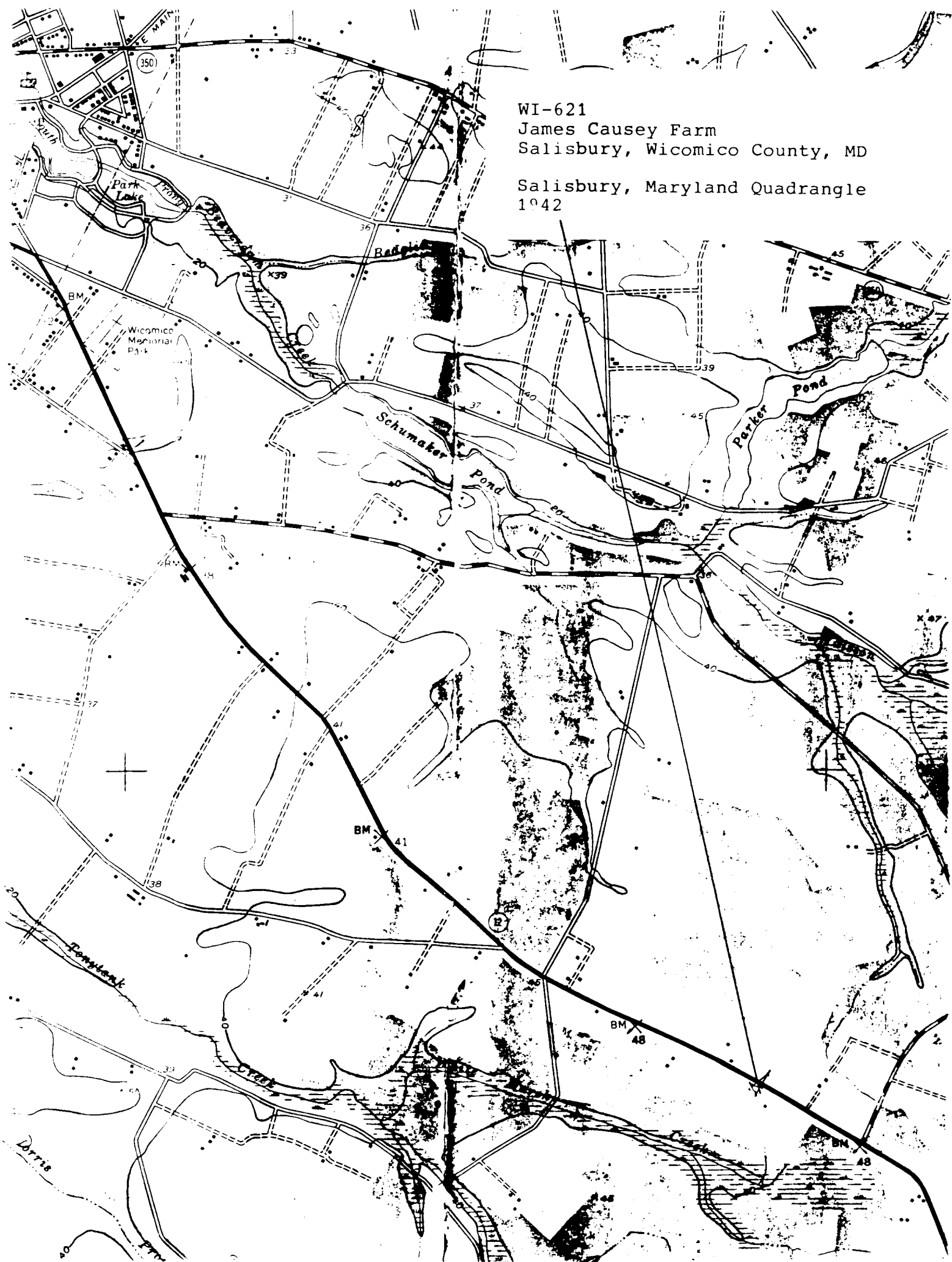
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
1877



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James Causey Farm  
Salisbury, Wicomico County, MD

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942





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Lane's Causey Farm

Salem, Va., Woodstock Co., Md.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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Lewis Consey Farm

Salisbury, W. Newham Co., MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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James C. Cady, Baron  
SALISBURY VIC., WICKHAM CO., WIS.

NORTHEAST CORN. OF BARN

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James Causby Farm

Salisbury, Va, Williams Co, No.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION OF GALLERY

10/01, Paul Thomas, Potter & Pomeroy

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JAMES CAUSEY FARM  
SAUSBURY VIC, WISCONSIN Co., WIS.

SOUTHEAST ECK OK PRIVY

10/11, LANE TOWNT, PINE CRANES

NEC. / MID. HISTORICAL TRUST

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Lewis Casey Farm

Salisbury vic., Worcester Co., Md.

NORTHEAST ELEV OF GARDENS

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